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Wage Board for plantation workers

54 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to constitute a Wage Board for plantation workers;

(*b*) whether this Government have represented to the Centre to exclude Madras State from the constitution of Wage Board; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes. The Government of India have proposed to constitute three Wage Boards for Plantation Industry, one each for tea, coffee and rubber plantations.

(*b*) No, Sir. But we have expressed our doubts about the effectiveness of Wage Boards in the solution of wage problems.

(*c*) Does not arise.

State Board of Education

* 55 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to establish a State Board of Education; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Pig-iron smelting furnaces

* 56 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI: கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதில் அளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தேனிரும்பு உற்பத்தி உலைகள் நிறுவ அனுமதி கோரி எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்தன?

(ஆ) அவைகளில் எத்தனைக்கு அனுமதி வழங்கப்பட்டன?

(இ) இதுவரையில் எத்தனை உலைகள் நிறுவப்பட்டுள்ளன? எங்கெங்கே?

(ஈ) அவைகளில் அரசாங்கம் பங்கு கொண்டு உள்ளதா? எந்த அளவுக்கு?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (அ) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to applications to set up factories for manufacture of pig-iron. During 1956–57, five such applications were received. There have been no applications in subsequent years.

(ஆ) Three of the applicants have been granted licences. The other two have withdrawn their applications.